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For Immediate Release:

U.S. Consul General in Milan, Amb. Philip T. Reeker, receives ACA's 2016 Thomas Jefferson Award.

Created in 1993, the Thomas Jefferson Award commemorates the 250th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson, who, while serving as Ambassador to France, understood the vital contributions being made by Americans living abroad. The award is given to honor an employee of the State Department for services to the community of Americans living abroad.

Ambassador Reeker has been recognized by the community of Americans living in Milan and Lombardy Italy for his service in meeting the demands of the steady growth for consular services, his commitment to diplomatic engagement and commercial outreach. Ambassador Reeker has shown a genuine interest in a wide range of fields – arts, commerce, finance, history and his willingness to be a gateway between Italy and the United States has helped advance the important relations between these two countries.

Ambassador Reeker has served as United States Consul General in Milan, since September of 2014. Prior to his assignment in Italy, Ambassador Reeker served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs focused on the Balkans, Central Europe, and Holocaust Issues. He was U.S. Ambassador to Macedonia from 2008 to 2011, and Deputy State Department Spokesman/ Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs (2000-2004). Previous assignments include: Minister Counselor for Public Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Iraq (2007-2008); Deputy Chief of Mission in Budapest (2004-2007); and Director of Press Relations at the State Department (1999-2000). He was Spokesman for the Special Envoy for Kosovo, Ambassador Christopher Hill.

Ambassador Reeker, a graduate of Yale University with an MBA from the Thunderbird School of International Management in Arizona, joined the Foreign Service in 1992.

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